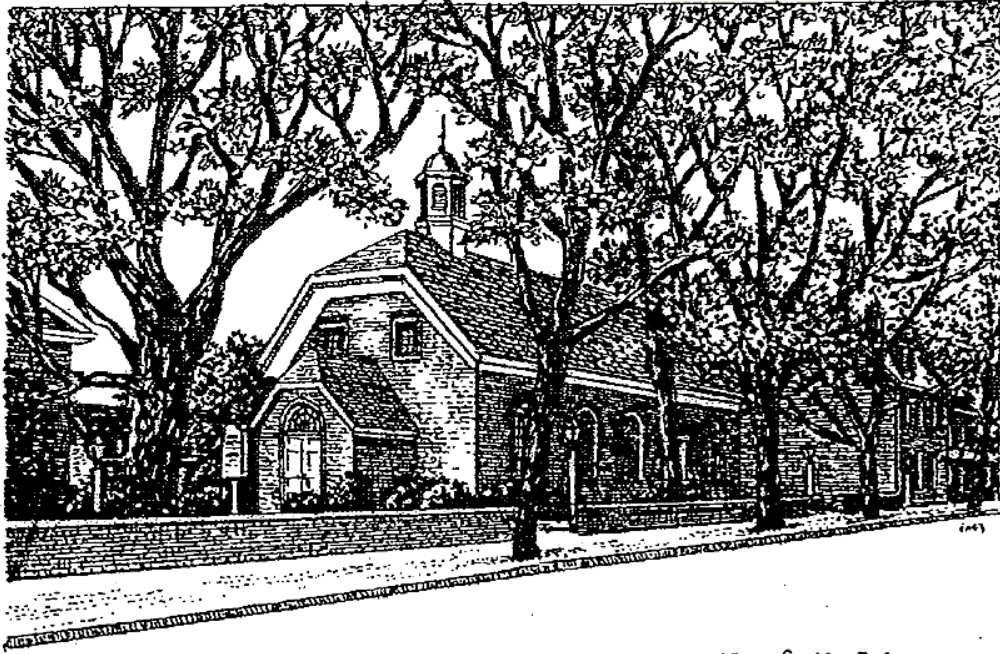


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

## *Our Mission*

New Castle Presbyterian Church offers a nurturing and supportive church community where all are welcomed to join in prayer and song, study and service as all are called to demonstrate understanding, compassion, and acceptance.

By God's Spoken Word and Holy Spirit, we seek to live out the Gospel of the Risen Christ, as we grow spiritually, in strength, and with inclusiveness.

We worship God in simplicity and with clarity; we study God's Word to direct our lives; and we nurture the young and the searchers in our midst.

As a congregation and in cooperation with others, we engage in service and outreach with the local community and the world.

We work to feed, clothe, and shelter our brothers and sisters while sharing the selfless and forgiving love of Jesus Christ.

As we have been blessed, we seek to use all that we have to bless others with this good news of grace and joy.

## Welcome to New Castle Presbyterian Church!

In person and via livestream, we gather as a faith community, seeking and serving the God we know in Jesus Christ. May this worship service remind you that you are God's own and that together we are called to live out God's way of love, justice and peace.

**A little help** - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a seat cushion.

**Restrooms** are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today.** Children begin in worship; worship bags are available at the entrance. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through four-year-olds may go to nursery; children age Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Sunday School. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

**At the end of worship**, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

**Worship "code":** \* = please stand if able    **bold** = all speak together

### Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on 2nd Street are for  
handicapped parking only.

### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm  
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

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### Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com) or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 [silverfran@aol.com](mailto:silverfran@aol.com)

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**New Castle Presbyterian Church  
Third Sunday in Lent**

March 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Bell Prelude**

**Celebration #1**

Michael Keller

**Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church  
Greeting of Peace**

As Jesus greeted his disciples, so let us greet one another:

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

*Please wave at your neighbors and extend Christ's greeting, "Peace be with you".*

**Steeple Bell**

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 63)**

O God, you are our God;

**Our souls thirst for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

We have looked upon you in the sanctuary;

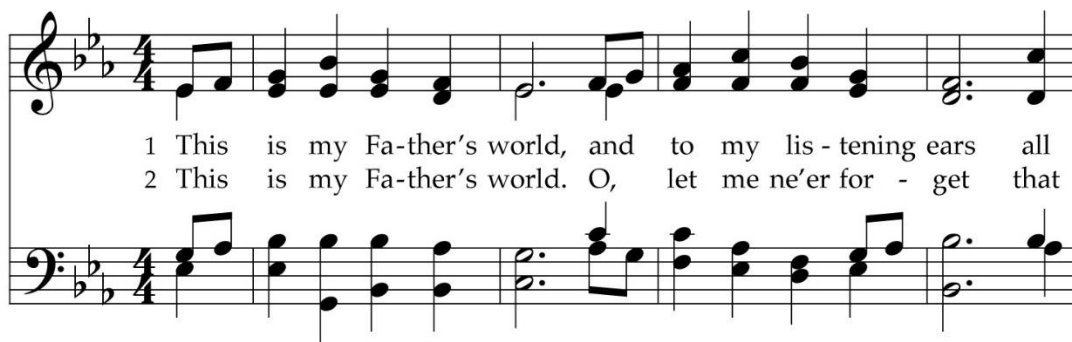
**we have seen your power and glory.**

Our lips will praise you as long as we live;

**we lift up our hearts and call on your name. Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn #370**

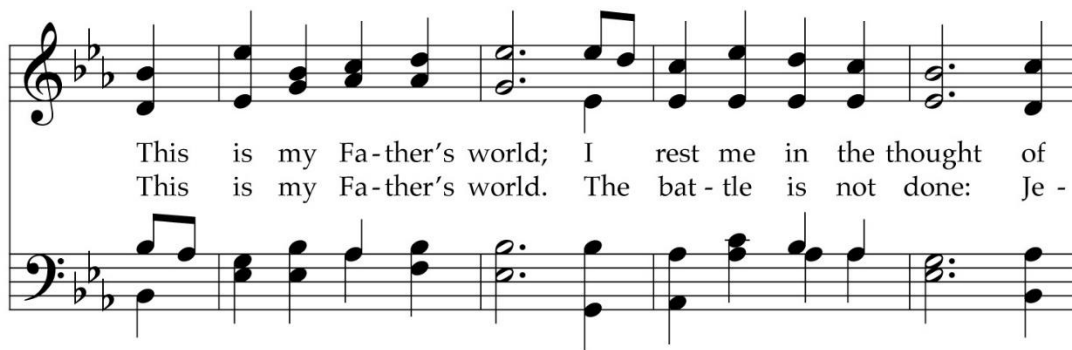
**This Is My Father's World**



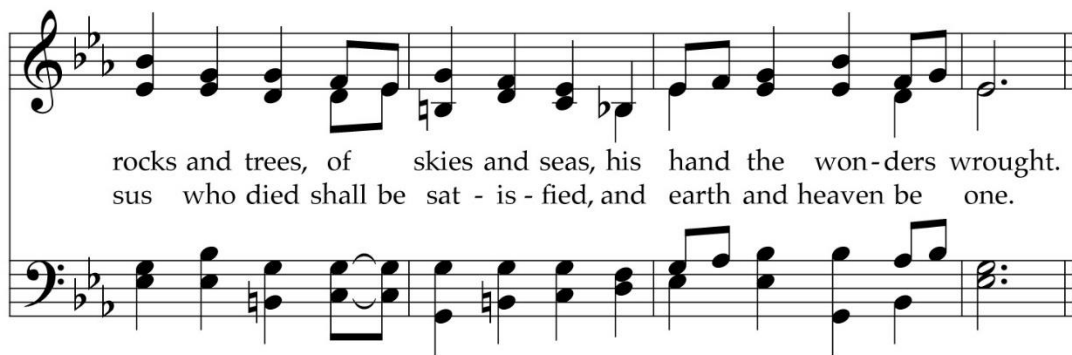
1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.  
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best.**

**Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you.**

**Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ. Give us faith that we can join in your celebration... *(Time for silent prayer.)***

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Let us proclaim the Good News together:**

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Response #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3x)**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Bell Anthem**

**Ring Praise!**

**Nathaniel Riley**

### **Scripture Conversation with Children**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**O God, you are my God. You have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings, I sing for joy. When I sink low, when I grow weary, your right hand holds me fast. Send your Holy Spirit to fill my heart with thanksgiving that I would sing of your steadfast love forever. Amen.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

Sermon

*Making Room in our Homes*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Hymn #301

## Let Us Build a House

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)  
Gm C7 B<sup>b</sup> F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)  
Gm C F B<sup>b</sup>

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) *Refrain* (Em) (Bm)  
F B<sup>b</sup> A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

**But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own**

by Mendelssohn

(from "St. Paul")

arr. Janet Linker

Bethany Faiz - Piano

**\*Response #607**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore.**

**Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love. Bless these offerings that your good news would bring healing to the nations. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but**

**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn #749

## Come, Live in the Light!

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Chords are indicated by letters (G, C, D, Em, Am7, Dsus) above the staff. The score includes a main body of the hymn and a refrain.

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
vio - lence will be no more.  
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to  
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -  
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Steeple Bell

### Postlude

### God So Loved the World

arr. Larry Shackley

Bethany Faiz - Piano

*Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall*

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### Thank you for serving today:

*Worship Leader:* Nancy Kersey

*Counters:* Gail Seitz/

*Ushers:* Scott & Amy Selheimer

*Fellowship Hour:* Trustees

*Nursery:* Julie Barry/Jane Fouracre

*Sunday School:* Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Nicholas McIntire*  
*1915-1983*

*Sophie B. Luoma*  
*1900-1996*



### *This Week's Schedule*

SUNDAY	3/23	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
Monday	3/24	7:00pm	Men's Group - Bowlerama
Tuesday	3/25	7:00pm	Promises of AA Meeting
		7:30pm	Congregational Life & Membership Mtg
Wednesday	3/26	3:00pm	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Lenten Supper New Castle UMC
		7:00pm	Worship Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	3/27	7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Saturday	3/29	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	3/30	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		11:30am	Coffee Hour – Guatemala Presentation
		12pm-2pm	Young-ish Women Gathering
		3:00pm	Delaware Women's Chorus

## **NCPC MEN'S GROUP - TOMORROW**

Men's Group will go BOWLING on Monday, March 24 at 7:00pm at Bowlerama in New Castle. Come join the fun! Please RSVP to [Steven Foltz](#).

## **PROMISES OF AA**

Every Tuesday at 7 pm, there will be an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous held upstairs in the library of the CE Building. The focus of this meeting is on the promises of AA.

## **BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR**

We gather on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture passages. All are welcome!

## **LENTEN SOUP DINNERS**

This Wednesday at 6:00pm, join with our New Castle neighbors for our next Ecumenical Soup Dinner at New Castle UMC (510 Delaware Street).

## **CODE PURPLE**

First & Central Presbyterian welcomes Wilmington's unhoused neighbors into their social hall every Saturday until the end of March. Sign up at <https://shorturl.at/X6Vyd>

## **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

We have two Lenten devotionals available this season. For adults, check out an incredible daily reflection from the Presbyterian Outlook, “**Grieving Change and Loss**: The unpredictable, non-linear, faith-filled journey toward resurrection”. For families with children (and folks of all ages interested in a slower walk through Holy Week), we have a weekly reflection on “**Last Things... and More**,” which follows and supplements our Sunday School curriculum.

## **POPUK POTLUCK COFFEE HOUR - MARCH 30**

Next Sunday, Amy Selheimer will be sharing information about her Mission trip to Guatemala and serving Guatemalan Hot chocolate and fruit at coffee hour. The Deacons invite all worshipers to participate in our fellowship time. No need to sign up, just bring a "ready to serve" dish and put it on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Serving tongs, spoons, etc. are available in the kitchen. Please take any leftovers home with you. Suggestions: Cheese and crackers/Vegetables and dip/Meat tray/Cake or pie (pre-sliced)/ Cookies/Mini sandwiches

## **YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S - MARCH 30**

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather on Sunday, March 30 from 12-2pm at the Mercury on Delaware Street. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings.

## **THE DELAWARE WOMEN'S CHORUS IS RETURNING! – MARCH 30**

Join us for a concert of choral music based on hope, resilience, and positivity. Music is said to "soothe the savage beast" and we are delighted to be able to lift spirits with wonderful music by gifted composers, representing a wide variety of genres. We hope to see lots of old friends and new ones as well, on Sunday, March 30 at 3:00 PM in the Meeting House.

## **HOUSING RESOURCES**

Attack Addiction provides resources for individuals and seeks to remove the stigma of addiction. One of their recovery residences for women is a working farm in Seaford. There, the ladies care for animals and maintain gardens. If you have any tools, pots, soil, or other garden supplies that you can donate, please contact Phee Price at 305.490.5930 or just drop off what you have on the porch at 17 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Historic New Castle. Deadline is Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## **FISH BANKS / ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**



Through the season of Lent, the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online at: <https://pcusa.org/donate/102-shared-mission-support>

## **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING**

Please sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/online-signups>

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**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

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